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1. SUMMARY. FOLLOWING COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED:
AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, DENMARK, FINLAND, FRANCE,
GERMANY, IRELAND, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, SPAIN, SWEDEN,
UK, U.S., YUGOSLAVIA. EEC ALSO REPRESENTED. STADLER
(AUSTRIA) ELECTED CHAIRMAN TO REPLACE KALLNER (LEAVING
SWEDISH GOVERNMENT SERVICE). MRS. DESJARDINS (CANADA)
AND JOINET (FRANCE) ELECTED VICE-CHAIRMAN. U.S.
REPRESENTED BY BERG (NBS), MS. HUMMER (DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF LEGAL ADVISER), AND USOECD SCIENCE ADVISER.
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APART FROM A VERY SHORT DISCUSSION OF THE "LOGICA"
NETWORKING PROPOSAL, THE PANEL FOCUSSED ON PREPARATION
OF VIENNA SYMPOSIUM. ACTION FOR JUNE 1 DEADLINE: A)
NOMINATION OF U.S. PARTICIPANTS; B) SELECTION OF U.S.
PANEL SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS FOR SESSION II -
SURVEY OF TRENDS AND ISSUES; C) NOMINATION OF U.S.
SPEAKERS FOR LAST WORKING SESSION ON "TRANSBORDER DATA

FLOW AND THE PRINCIPLE OF FREE AND CONTINUOUS FLOW OF INFORMATION"; D) CONFIRMATION THAT U.S. WILL CHAIR PANEL A OF SESSION II - "MANUFACTURING, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL USERS" (BERG ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION). NEXT MEETINGS: JUNE 6, STEERING GROUP. OCTOBER 25-26, DATA BANK PANEL. END SUMMARY

2. THE GENERAL STRUCTURE OF THE SYMPOSIUM IS BROADLY AS OUTLINED IN REF (B), I.E. SEP 20-23 BROKEN DOWN INTO MAIN SESSIONS, OF WHICH THERE ARE NOW FIVE:
I. WELCOMING ADDRESS BY AN AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL, WITH RESPONSE BY SEC GEN (OR DESIGNATE). INTRODUCTORY ADDRESSES BY DATA BANK PANEL CHAIRMAN (STADLER) AND SECRETARIAT (GASSMANN). THERE WILL BE NO DISCUSSION FOLLOWING THESE ADDRESSES. II. TRANSBORDER DATA FLOWS: SURVEYS OF ISSUES AND TRENDS. THIS SESSION WILL BE BROKEN DOWN INTO SIX SUB-SESSIONS, A-F, AS DESCRIBED IN REF (B) PARA 4. CHAIRMEN FOR THESE SUB-SESSIONS TO BE PROVIDED BY MEMBERS OF THE DATA BANK PANEL (SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION): A: U.S. B: GERMANY. C: CANADA. D: NETHERLANDS. E: UK. F: SPAIN. THE FORMAT OF PRESENTATIONS HAS NOT BEEN FINALLY DECIDED, BUT WILL PROBABLY VARY FROM SUB-SESSION TO SUB-SESSION.

3. THE FIRST TWO MAIN SESSIONS WILL TAKE UP ALL OF SEP 20-21. SESSION III, ECONOMIC, LEGAL AND SOCIAL DIMENSIONS (CHAIRMAN: JOINET, FRANCE), WILL INCLUDE STATEMENTS BY CERTAIN OF THE FIFTEEN GOVERNMENT AND UNCLASSIFIED

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NON-GOVERNMENT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT WILL BE INVITED BY THE SEC GEN ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL. THIS SESSION, WHICH WILL ALSO INCLUDE STATEMENTS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS, AND OF LABOR UNIONS, CIVIL LIBERTIES ORGANIZATIONS AND CONSUMER GROUPS, SHOULD BE MOST ILLUMINATING FROM A FACT-FINDING POINT OF VIEW.

4. SESSION IV. TRANSBORDER DATA PROTECTION AND THE PRINCIPLE OF FREE AND CONTINUOUS FLOW OF INFORMATION. THIS WILL BE A PANEL DISCUSSION, (CHAIRMAN BY FREESE, SWEDEN) ON THE CENTRAL THEME OF PRIVACY OF THE INDIVIDUAL AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF CONTINUOUS FLOW

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AND FREEDOM OF ACCESS. MISSION SUSPECTS THAT THERE MAY
BE A TENDENCY TO OVERLOAD THE DISCUSSION ON THE
PRIVACY SIDE, UNLESS STEPS ARE TAKEN TO ENSURE
ADEQUATE PRESENTATION AT THIS CRUCIAL POINT OF THE
SYMPOSIUM OF RELEVANT CONCERNS RELATING TO CONTINUOUS
DATA FLOW.

5. SESSION V, (AUSTRIAN CHAIRMAN), WILL BE A
PRESENTATION OF A SUMMARY STATEMENT, WITH NO
CONCLUSIONS. THERE WILL NOT BE A PRESS CONFERENCE,
BUT THE PRESS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND THROUGHOUT THE
SYMPOSIUM, INCLUDING THE FINAL RECEPTION. THERE WILL
BE FACILITIES FOR FACE-TO-FACE INTERVIEWS, AS DESIRED.
A "NOTE FOR THE PRESS" (RATHER THAN A COMMUNIQUE) WILL
BE PREPARED, OUTLINING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE
SYMPOSIUM, ITS SCOPE AND IMPORTANCE.

6. DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO FOLLOWING ITEMS:
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(A) CONFIRMED BY DATA BANK PANEL AND SECRETARIAT THAT
SYMPOSIUM IS AN OECD MEETING, HOSTED BY AUSTRIAN
GOVERNMENT, NOT A JOINT OECD-AUSTRIAN FUNCTION; (B)

ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE VIENNA MEETING IS NOT A CONFERENCE REQUIRING NATIONAL POSITIONS, BUT A SYMPOSIUM, I.E. AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND IDEAS, TO SERVE AS POSSIBLE FUTURE UNDERPINNING OF MEMBER-COUNTRY POLICY IN FIELD UNDER STUDY; (C) PARTICIPATION WILL BE AT AVERAGE LEVEL OF 15 PER COUNTRY, BUT U.S. CAN COUNT ON 20-25.

7. ACTION REQUIREMENTS (A) THE SECRETARIAT'S PLAN IS TO SEND OUT LETTERS OF INVITATION TO PARTICIPANTS BY AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN JULY. FOR THIS REASON, MEMBER-COUNTRY LISTS OF PARTICIPANTS, COMPLETE WITH ADDRESSES, SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE SECRETARIAT BY NOT LATER THAN JUNE 1. (B) AS THE LETTERS OF INVITATION WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A FINAL PROGRAM DOCUMENT, NAMES OF ALL PANEL SPEAKERS, WITH TITLES OF PRESENTATIONS, SHOULD ALSO BE IN BY JUNE 1. (C) UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT INFORMS US TO THE CONTRARY, THE MISSION WILL ASSUME THAT BERG WILL CHAIR SUB-SESSION A OF SESSION II. THE SYMPOSIUM STEERING GROUP WILL DISCUSS ALL OF THE ABOVE ON JUNE 6.

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